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Furnish this exhibit for EACH foreign principal listed in an initial statement and for EACH additional foreign principal acquired subsequently.

1. Name and address of registrant Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, L.L.P. 1333 New Hampshire Ave., N.W., Suite 400 Washington, D.C. 20036	2. Registration No. 3492
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3. Name of foreign principal Government of British Columbia	4. Principal address of foreign principal Ministry of Attorney General 1001 Douglas Street Victoria, British Columbia V8W 1C8
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5. Indicate whether your foreign principal is one of the following:

- Foreign government
- Foreign political party
- Foreign or domestic organization: If either, check one of the following:
 - Partnership
 - Corporation
 - Association
- Individual-State nationality _____

Committee
 Voluntary group
 Other (specify) _____

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6. If the foreign principal is a foreign government, state:

- a) Branch or agency represented by the registrant. Executive branch
- b) Name and title of official with whom registrant deals. Hartley Lewis, Executive Director
British Columbia Ministry of Forests

7. If the foreign principal is a foreign political party, state:

- a) Principal address. Not applicable
- b) Name and title of official with whom registrant deals.
- c) Principal aim

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8. If the foreign principal is not a foreign government or a foreign political party,

Not applicable

a) State the nature of the business or activity of this foreign principal

b) Is this foreign principal

Supervised by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal Yes No

Owned by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal Yes No

Directed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal Yes No

Controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal Yes No

Financed by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal Yes No


Subsidized in part by a foreign government, foreign political party, or other foreign principal Yes No

9. Explain fully all items answered "Yes" in Item 8(b). *(If additional space is needed, a full insert page must be used.)*

Not applicable

10. If the foreign principal is an organization and is not owned or controlled by a foreign government, foreign political party or other foreign principal, state who owns and controls it.

Not applicable

Date of Exhibit A 1/15/98	Name and Title Spencer S. Griffith, Partner	Signature 
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INSTRUCTIONS: A registrant must furnish as an Exhibit B copies of each written agreement and the terms and conditions of each oral agreement with his foreign principal, including all modifications of such agreements, or, where no contract exists, a full statement of all the circumstances by reason of which the registrant is acting as an agent of a foreign principal. One original and two legible photocopies of this form shall be filed for each foreign principal named in the registration statement and must be signed by or on behalf of the registrant.

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3. Name of Foreign Principal
Government of British Columbia

Check Appropriate Boxes:

- 4. The agreement between the registrant and the above-named foreign principal is a formal written contract. If this box is checked, attach a copy of the contract to this exhibit.
- 5. There is no formal written contract between the registrant and the foreign principal. The agreement with the above-named foreign principal has resulted from an exchange of correspondence. If this box is checked, attach a copy of all pertinent correspondence, including a copy of any initial proposal which has been adopted by reference in such correspondence.
- 6. The agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal is the result of neither a formal written contract nor an exchange of correspondence between the parties. If this box is checked, give a complete description below of the terms and conditions of the oral agreement or understanding, its duration, the fees and expenses, if any, to be received.


7. Describe fully the nature and method of performance of the above indicated agreement or understanding.
Provide counsel with respect to trade in softwood lumber, including possible communications with Administration and Congressional officials.

8. Describe fully the activities the registrant engages in or proposes to engage in on behalf of the above foreign principal. Provide counsel with respect to trade in softwood lumber, including possible communications with Administration and Congressional officials.

9. Will the activities on behalf of the above foreign principal include political activities as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act and in the footnote below? Yes No

If yes, describe all such political activities indicating, among other things, the relations, interests or policies to be influenced together with the means to be employed to achieve this purpose.

Provide counsel with respect to trade in softwood lumber, including possible communications with Administration and Congressional officials.

Date of Exhibit B 1/15/98	Name and Title Spencer S. Griffith, Partner	Signature 
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Footnote: Political activity as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act means any activity which the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting, or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to the political interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.



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PICK UP INSTRUCTIONS/COMMENTS:

Please find enclosed a copy of your retainer letter with respect to the Softwood Lumber matter. Thank you.



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Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld
Attorneys at Law--
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Attention: Mr. Spencer Griffith

Dear Mr. Griffith:

Re: **Government of British Columbia - Softwood Lumber**

I am writing to confirm your retainer (the "Retainer"), on behalf of the Ministry of Attorney General, which provides legal services to the Government of British Columbia, to act in the above matter in accordance with the provisions of this letter and the terms of reference (the "Terms of Reference") attached as Schedule "A" to this letter. The Retainer is for the period that commenced on December 1, 1997 and will end on March 31, 1998 and may be terminated by either party upon 30 days prior written notice. Reasonable and necessary time spent on preliminary legal and strategic analysis prior to the commencement of the Retainer may be billed in the first month.

Payments for policy work under the Retainer will be made in installments of \$20,000 (U.S. funds) per calendar month (the "Monthly Payment"). The Retainer is governed by the attached "Billing and Reporting Guide for Lawyers" and the "Fees and Disbursements" attached as Schedule "B" to this letter. Your fees for legal services will be applied against the Monthly Payment at the applicable hourly rates described in Schedule "B".

Hourly fees will be billed separately for litigation or arbitration, that is fees related to a formal action filed under U.S. trade law or the Canada/U.S. Softwood Lumber Agreement.

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It is agreed that, in calendar months when billings for fees for legal services for policy work are less than the Monthly Payment, then the Monthly Payment may be billed with the difference between the Monthly Payment and the actual billings being applied as a credit against policy, litigation or arbitration fees in the current month or a subsequent calendar month or calendar months, as the case may be. If unusual circumstances arise which would necessitate the firm exceeding the Monthly Payment (plus any credits), then the firm will seek our permission to do so.

In any case, your fees and disbursements in connection with the Retainer are limited to \$125,000 (U.S. funds), including necessary disbursements.

Should you find that your fees are approaching this limit, please write to Dennis M. Carson, Senior Solicitor, at the above address and provide an estimate of the additional funding you will require. The matter will be reviewed and a decision made on whether or not to continue.

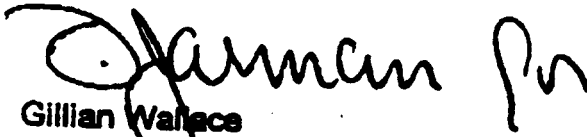
In accordance with government accounting requirements, you are to obtain prior approval in writing from the Branch for any amount in excess of the \$125,000 (U.S. funds) maximum fee limit. The enclosed Billing and Reporting Guide will be of assistance to you in the preparation of your account. These billing instructions are to ensure that we are able to process your accounts. Provisions of the *Financial Administration Act* and budgetary restraints make it impossible to pay accounts not in accordance with the billing requirements. Monthly accounts should be submitted to the attention of Sally Sampson at the above address by the 10th of the following month.

Please be advised that the Ministry does not pay for regular secretarial services or word processing. Other lawyers, students, paralegals or consultants may be retained or utilized only with the agreement of the parties.

Please be advised that any records held in your files in relation to the provision of legal services in the above noted matter are subject to the B.C. *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

By way of confirmation of your agreement to act on the terms proposed would you please sign the duplicate of this letter where indicated.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gillian Wallace". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and a stylized "W".

Gillian Wallace
Assistant Deputy Attorney General



SCHEDULE "A"

Terms of Reference

1. Scope of Engagement

Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld (the "Firm") will, at the request of or on the direction of staff of the Ministry of Forests, Province of British Columbia:

- (a) undertake to provide policy and litigation/arbitration counsel to the Government of British Columbia with respect to trade in softwood lumber and monitor U.S. legislation of interest to the Government of British Columbia in this area;
- (b) provide research and analysis of points of U.S. and/or international law related to trade in softwood lumber;
- (c) provide assistance in developing British Columbia proposals relating to trade in softwood lumber, including advice on consistency with international trade obligations and the Softwood Lumber Agreement and draft proposals, as requested;
- (d) assist in preparing for meetings between British Columbia/Canada and the U.S., including meetings with other Canadian counsel, U.S. officials, British Columbia government and industry representatives; and
- (e) provide assistance and advice on other related matters as may be agreed to by the parties.

2. Conflicts

The Firm will be bound by the appropriate rules of the Washington, D.C. Bar and accepted canons of ethics. The Firm will, with assistance from the Government of British Columbia, attempt to stay fully apprised of the Government of British Columbia's various policy interests as they develop. The Firm will endeavor to consult closely with Government of British Columbia officials on policy matters within the Firm which, to the best of our knowledge, or based on information supplied by the Government of British Columbia, might impinge upon its interests.

SCHEDULE "B"

Fees and Disbursements

1. **Schedule of Hourly Rates**

<u>Attorney</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
Kirk O'Donnell	\$350.00
Frank Donatelli	\$325.00
Patrick Macrony	\$320.00
Spencer Griffith	\$300.00
Val Slater	\$300.00
Jim Mendenhall	\$165.00
Legal Assistants	\$65 to \$95

2. **Disbursements**

Direct costs associated with the Retainer including travel, copying, printing, transcript costs, computerized research, long-distance telephone charges, messenger services and filing fees.